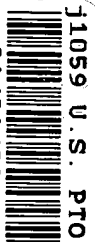


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THIN FILM COATING HAVING TRANSPARENT BASE LAYER  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed is a patent application consisting of specification and claims, and six (6) sheets of drawings. We are currently in the process of determining inventorship, but believe the inventors to include Klaus Hartig, citizen of the United States, residing at 5871 Valley Road, Avcoa, WI 53506 and Annette J. Krisko, citizen of the United States, residing at 905 Hanksfield Place, Prairie du Sac, WI 53578.

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